

Press Conference Invitation

Welcome to the international press conference on

“Interoperability of Electronic Identity (eID) – effects on citizens, economy and public administration”

Date: Wednesday, 27.05.2009
Time: 9.00 am
Venue: Aula of Sciences (Aula der Wissenschaften),
Wollzeile 27a, Vienna, Austria

The press conference will be held in conjunction with the two-day 15th international Porvoo Group conference. The Porvoo 15 conference will host delegates from European countries, the United States of America and Japan, among others. Journalists will have the opportunity to hear firsthand about the innovations in the field of interoperability of electronic identity (eID) across Europe.

Key speakers and their subjects:

“The work of the Porvoo Group and electronic identity and its harmonisation and deployment in the EU Member States”

Ms Katja Häkkinen

Chair of the Porvoo Group, Certification Manager, Population Register Centre, Finland

“eID in Austria and the European perspective with the CIP large scale pilot” (CIP = Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme)

Ing. Roland Ledinger

Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria

Prof. Dr. Reinhard Posch

A-SIT Secure Information Technology Center - Austria

Chair of the press conference:

Dr. Oswald Kessler

Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior – Support Unit ZMR, Austria

Journalists are also welcome to participate at the Porvoo Group conference itself.

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The Porvoo Group is an international cooperative network coordinated by Finland and established in the Finnish city of Porvoo, as the name suggests, in April 2002 in connection with the eEurope 2002 programme. The primary goal of the Group is to promote a trans-national, interoperable electronic identity based on PKI (Public Key Infrastructure) technology and smart cards and chip ID cards as well as secure e-services in Europe. The majority of its members represent their respective national authorities but representatives of the business community as well as the European Commission and the UN have also contributed to its work. The US and Japan are closely involved in the Group alongside some thirty European nations. The Porvoo Group's two-day conferences are held every six months.